

2. His strong mother answered,—

ATJSNAYABEA

and AmsTTVAj¹ be these, my son, the foes
whom thou
shalt overcome.²

3. The slayer of VKITEA dragged them
along as
spokes (are tied fast) with a rope³ in the
naye of a
chariot wheel; he swelled in vigour, the
slayer of
enemies.

4. At one draught Indra drank at
once thirty
lakes filled with *Sam a*.⁴

' 5. In the realms (of the sky) where the
foot finds
no resting-place, IKDBA shattered the
cloud⁵ to bring
increase to the *Brahmans**

5. ISTDRI smote (rain) from the clouds
with
far-stretched arrow, he secured boiled
rice (for men)

6. That single shaft of thine,
INDRA, which

¹ Of. vii. 32. 2\$.

² Sayana explains *mshfurah* as *tava nufdraniydh*
; the St.
Petersb. Biet. gives "die keinen TJeberwinder
haben."

³ Cf. note on viii. 72 8.

* *Ydska* comments on this verse in *Niru'kt&'v*.
11. !Ee gives
the explanation in the text as that of the
eereonialists (*ydjmMh*)
which applies the verse to the thirty *uktha*, vessels
presented at
the mid-day offering; the *nairuUdh* take the verse
as referring
to the fifteen days and nights in which the
collected light of
the moon is gradually absorbed. Yaska is
evidently uncertain
as to the meaning of the word *kdnukd*, which ae
explains in

several ways, either as a neuter plnral agreeing
with *sardmsi*, or
as a nojn. sing, agreeing with Indra.

⁵ The gandharva,

⁶ *Jtrahmalhyah*.